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Covaxin clinical trials on children begin at MMC&RI

30 kids get trial jabs at Cheluvamba; No vaccine adverse effects observed

The Child Rehabilitation Centre at Cheluvamba Hospital in Mysuru which has been converted into a Vaccination Trial Centre for kids.

Mysuru, June 11 (RK&BCT)- Hyderabad-based pharmaceutical major Bharat Biotech has begun the clinical trials of its COVID-19 vaccine, Covaxin, on children aged 12-18 years in several parts of the country including Mysuru where children volunteers have started receiving their shots. In Mysuru, the trials are being conducted at Child Rehabilitation Centre of the State-run Cheluvamba Hospital, managed by the Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI).

The first trials were conducted last Saturday and Sunday where 53 child volunteers between the age group of 12 and 18 were selected. Of them, 30 were vaccinated and among them, 25 children were from Mysuru and five were from Bengaluru. MMC&RI is the only site selected in Karnataka for the company's paediatric trials, currently being conducted pan-India across multiple locations.

(See COVAXIN on page 7)

Internal Adjustment?

MLC Vishwanath alleges Regional Commissioner and MLA have internal adjustment; Probe just an eyewash to hoodwink public; MLA is bound to get a clean chit

Mysuru, June 11 (RKB,MTY & BCT) - MLC A.H. Vishwanath has stated that Regional Commissioner (RC) Dr. G.C. Prakash has already completed the probe into the alleged land grabbing and he will hand over a favourable report to K.R. Nagar JD-S MLA S.R. Mahesh in two or three days.

Addressing a press conference at Jaladarshini Guest House in city this morning, he said that the RC has already entered into an **internal adjustment** with MLA S.R. Mahesh.

MLC A. H. Vishwanath addressing a press conference at Jaladarshini Guest House in city this morning.

"The urgency showed by the RC in visiting yesterday's MLA's protest venue, the statement given to the press by the RC that the investigation will be completed within two or three days and the confidence of the RC in saying that he has already looked into the details of the Sa. Ra. Convention Hall (Choultry) smacks of an understanding he has entered into with the MLA. He will surely give a clean chit to the MLA," Vishwanath said.

"The so-called investigation report will be submitted by the RC on Monday without even the officer visiting the land parcels and the report is already ready on his table. He has to just sign and send to the Government. Using this report, the MLA will tell the world that he is innocent and his Choultry is built on legal land," Vishwanath charged.

(See ADJUSTMENT on page 6)

Investigate the entire parcel of land on which Choultry stands: Sindhuri urges RC

Mysuru, June 11 (RKB,MTY &BCT)- Former Deputy Commissioner of Mysuru Rohini Sindhuri, who has been transferred, has urged Regional Commissioner (RC) Dr. G.C. Prakash to comprehensively investigate on which land Sa.Ra. Convention Hall, a Choultry owned by K.R. Nagar JD-S MLA S.R. Mahesh, stands.

The Choultry has been constructed violating all norms and regulations in Survey Number 123 that has been demarcated as Government Gomala land. ***"When the root land document mentions that it is a Government Gomala land, how can it be a private property? There are no proper documents to establish that the Government land has been transferred to private parties,"*** she said.

Sindhuri

Mahesh

Continuing, the IAS Officer said, ***"The land conversion has been made using fabricated and false records and it is in direct violation of the Mysuru City Master Plan. The enquiry over*** *Raja Kaluve* ***(storm-water drain) has been initiated against the Convention Hall and is limited to just one issue. A comprehensive investigation must be launched on the entire parcel of the land on which the Choultry stands along with the adjacent lands,"*** she urged the Regional Commissioner.

(See SINDHURI on page 6)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 11th June 2021

Power tariff hike by KERC adds to burden on MSMEs: KASSIA

Bengaluru, June 11 (UNI) - As the State is reeling under severe Corona pandemic forcing closure of many of the industries, the hike in power tariff by Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) is a severe blow to MSMEs which otherwise expected a compensation package from the Government for the lockdown period.

In a statement issued here on Thursday, KASSIA President K.B. Arasappa said even though the lockdown may be lifted in a week or so, it is very difficult for the small and medium scale industries as they have suffered a huge loss over the last few months. At this time of crisis, when the MSMEs are expecting a handsome economic package from the State Government to help revive them, the unexpected decision of the State Government to increase the power tariff has come as a bolt from the blue.

The MSME sector, which provides a large number of jobs, next to the agricultural sector, has been facing a lot of problems these days. Hence the decision to raise the tariff by 30 paise per unit is very objectionable and it will severely harm the MSME sector. Besides, the frequent hike in fuel prices — almost Rs. 10 per litre over the past one month, will spell doom for these units, he noted.

If at all, the State Government wants to help the Medium and Small Scale Industries, it should, at once, take back its decision to raise the power tariff. It should also take steps to cut the cess levied on fuel prices, so that the prices of petrol and diesel is reduced thus helping transportation of goods and vehicles. Such measures will help tide over the present crisis, he said.

He also cautioned that if the State Government does not take steps in these directions, the MSMEs may have to be facing a permanent closure owing to the pandemic.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

With early evidence of the second wave appearing to recede, there has been a controversy surrounding the Central Vista project. The controversy pertains to the optics of it being insensitive as many have lost their lives while others, their livelihoods. However, the very nature of the project is going to tackle the latter problems as it will directly lead to the creation of employment opportunities. The expenditure over the next six years on this project will help several industries, such as cement, steel, furniture and other related sectors. Thus, the project will not just increase construction jobs but will also support several other work positions across industries. These would invariably be lost if the Government were to shut the project, which would have catastrophic implications on the marginal labourers who would be employed for this project. Needless to say, construction jobs typically go to the low skilled workers and they were the most adversely hit during the pandemic. Migrant workers form a major chunk of this segment. People asking for the amount for Central Vista to be spent elsewhere must recognise that doing so will adversely impact thousands of migrant workers. If there is a need to direct some financial resources elsewhere, then a logical case needs to be made for it rather than advocating shelving of projects to finance revenue expenditure. *—Karan Bhasin in The New Indian Express*

NEWS SPARKLERS

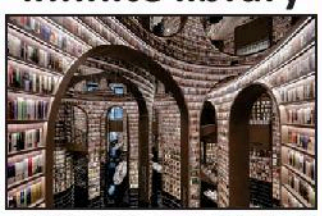
Pub decorated with two million dollars in cash

Florida: McGuire's Irish Pub is a popular restaurant and local landmark in Pensacola, Florida, famous for having an estimated two million dollars in cash hanging from the ceiling.

The history of McGuire's Irish Pub's unique decoration can be traced back to 1977, when Martin McGuire and his wife, Molly opened the opened the business. He tended the bar while Molly waited tables and when she made her first $1 tip, she celebrated by writing the date on it and tacking it to the back bar for good luck.

Little did she know that this was the start of a longstanding tradition that is still being respected by patrons of the pub. The very next day after that first bill was tacked to the bar, people started adding to the collection and they've been doing it ever since.

Bookstore looks like infinite library



Dujiangyan: A bookstore in Dujiangyan, China, relies on strategically placed mirrors and gleaming black tile floor to create a stunning illusion that makes the place look like an infinite bookworm's paradise.

The roughly 10,500-square-foot bookshop named Dujiangyan Zhongshuge, was designed by Li Xiang, founder of Shanghai-based architecture studio X+Living, and inaugurated in the Fall of 2020.

Using clever elements like spiraling staircases, curved archways and strategically-placed mirrors, the designers of this unique bookstore were able to create a downright stunning illusion of infinity. One needs only to look at photos of Dujiangyan Zhongshuge's interior to experience the otherworldliness of the place.

Li Xiang reportedly took a month to design the place and the construction process lasted five months, which is impressive, considering the complexity of the project.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Avoid foods with a high glycaemic index: A healthy, balanced diet is good for your skin, too while there is no one miracle food for your skin, too while there is no one miracle food that will give you great skin, there are foods you should try to avoid. " Foods with a high glycaemic index are not good for your skin".

Dr. Ravi S. - Consultant Dermatologist & Cosmetologist

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To speed up your transit time, eat chia or flax seeds daily. Eat more vegetables, pears or berries. Prunes can work wonders too. Drinking plenty of water is also an effective way to combat constipation.

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	JUNE 9	JUNE 10
Day's Positive Cases	1,163	1,011
Total Positive Cases	1,54,235	1,55,246
Day's Discharges	1,045	738
Total Discharges	1,38,304	1,39,042
Day's Deaths	22	18
Total Deaths	1,776	1,794
Total Active Cases	14,155	14,410

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

After demand for oxygen reduced, it was diverted to Industries: Shettar

Bengaluru, June 11 (UNI)- Following reduced demand for oxygen, the Karnataka Government has decided to divert it back to Industries and appoint Nodal Officers for the purpose.

Speaking at a meeting at Vidhana Soudha on Wednesday, Minister for Industries and In-Charge of Oxygen Supply Jagadish Shettar said even as the COVID-19 second wave has been dropping and the demand for oxygen reduced, it was only 580 MT oxygen required during the last two days data. However, the officials should not be negligent on this issue and must prepare for the expected third wave of COVID. Hence, the District Hospitals should make efforts to be self-sufficient in producing oxygen and instructed the officials to give more priority on this issue.

He said on a priority basis the oxygen supply should be given to industries and the Nodal Officers should handle the situation without affecting the supply to hospitals needed. Officials should be ready to meet any emergency requirements at any time, the Minister added.

REALLY...?

- ***Basketball was played by using a soccer ball until 1929.***
- ***Earlier, the basketball used to be brown in colour.***
- ***When a team shoots the ball into the basket, a goal is scored.***
- ***Michael Jordan has scored more playoff points than anyone else.***
- ***NBA and BAA were two different basketball associations in 1949.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Son: *Can you buy me a drum dad?*

Father: *No, No. You will be disturbing others with it.*

Son: *No dad. I will play only when all are sleeping!!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 72.99
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 103.52
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.87
1 Euro	= Rs. 88.99

VOICE OF THE READER

CESC's faulty billing: Will the AEE rectify it?

Sir,

I was served with electricity bill on 12th April, 2021 and 12th May, 2021, pertaining to my meter number 4NEH607 by the CESC lineman. I found discrepancies in the above bills.

The total number of units consumed during 1 month period was shown as consumption for 2 months period and subsequently the consumption for 2 months period was shown as consumption for 1 month. Hence, while charging as per the slab, the CESC has erred in billing the same and the total difference of amount of Rs. 200 has been charged in excess.

I had been to the CESC Office on 23rd May, 2021 for the rectification of the bill, but I did not get a convincing reply from the concerned staff. I met the concerned AEE and was directed to meet the concerned person to sort out the discrepancy. But, I felt nobody was serious and everyone was passing on the buck.

Later on, when I went to meet the AEE, he was busy in a meeting. Because of the prevailing lockdown I could not wait little longer, so I handed over the bills along with a letter of my grievances to the AEE office assistant to hand over the same to the AEE for suitable action.

I had no other alternative but to make the payment by cheque for fear of disconnection. I hope, the concerned AEE shall take necessary action and account for deduction of the extra amount charged.

— **D. Suresh Kumar**
Hebbal 1st Stage
5.6.2021

Mega blood donation camp in city on June 13

Mysuru, June 11- Rotary Mysore in association with Terapanth Yuvak Parishad; Humane Touch, Mysuru; RGS Group, Mysuru; Rotary Mysore Midtown and Kodava Samaja Mysuru, has jointly organised a Mega Blood Donation Camp at seven different places in Mysuru on Sunday (June 13).

Addressing a press conference yesterday at Rotary Mysore premises, Rtn. Venkatesh said, "Every year, World Blood Donor Day is celebrated on June 14 to raise awareness about the need for safe blood and blood products. On this occasion, various organisations have come together to organise a Mega Blood Donation Camp on June 13 at the following venues between 8 am and 2 pm:

Madhava Shenoy Kalyana Mantap, Industrial Suburb, Vishweshwaranagar; Ventakalingaiah Kalyana Mantap, Siddartha Layout; Jayamma Govindegowda Kalyana Mantap, Kuvempunagar; Bhramaramba Choultry, Srirampura; Kodava Samaja, Vijayanagar First Stage; Kannika Mahal, Ashoka Road and Yuva Terapanth Bhavan, MG Road.

Speaking on the occasion, member of Humane Touch Vikram Gowtham said, "Mysuru needs three to four thousand units of blood every day on an average. I request volunteers to donate blood and save lives."

K.R. Hospital Blood Bank, Lions-Jeevadhara Blood Bank, JSS Hospital, Kamakshi Hospital, Apollo BGS Hospital, Cauvery Hospital, Rotary Mysore-Chandrakala Hospital Blood Bank and St. Joseph's Hospital are also participating.

Interested donors can register their names by using the following link: https://forms.gle/MMXUfRFCkWRFBJtC7. **For details, contact Mob: 98865-01094, 99004-82345, 81231-60798 and 98865-29030.**

Direct Phone-in programme for SSLC students tomorrow

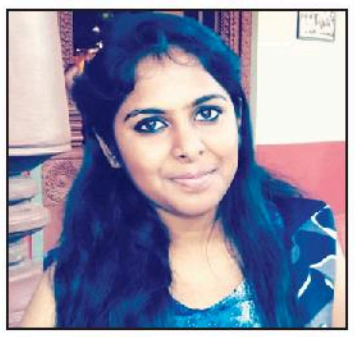
Mysuru, June 11- Mysuru Taluk Block Education Office has organised Direct Phone-in programme tomorrow (June 12) from 11 am to 1 pm for SSLC students of the academic year 2020-21.

Students, parents and teachers can clear all their queries related to question paper pattern, marking scheme and other exam related issues during this phone-in programme by calling Ph: 0821-2331131, Mob: 94806-95307 and 94806-95316, according to a press release.

Young medicos volunteer to help COVID patients

Dr. Amulya taking care of a patient by giving oxygen support using Oxygen Concentrator at the Triage Centre of Seth Mohandas Tulasidas Hospital in Mysuru.

Dr. K. Amulya



R.S. Srikalpa

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, June 11- From the very first moment Coronavirus struck, medical students volunteered to support healthcare professionals' fight against the COVID pandemic. The second wave saw more and more volunteer help in Mysuru as the pandemic reached its peak and the city too needed volunteer help and it came from all quarters – medicos, pharma and nursing students, lab technicians, professionals, technocrats and even college students.

Although traditional volunteering is decreasing at all levels, in the times of the current health crisis, young peoples' involvement in volunteering is just driven by the passion to serve community, fellow healthcare professionals and their patients. Overall, volunteering is truly a moral enterprise. Two students from medical and pharmacy disciplines are working at the Triage Centre of Seth Mohandas Tulsidas Hospital in Mysuru since over a month as counsellors for people who come there seeking medical advice.

Dr. K. Amulya, a third year MBBS student of BGS Global Institute of Medical Sciences (GIMS), Bengaluru, has her roots in Mysuru. She is the daughter of Kapanigowda, Executive Engineer, Public Works Department (PWD) and Savitha, residents of Siddarthanagar.

She had come here to stay with parents due to lockdown. At that time, the city was facing acute shortage of doctors, medical staff and volunteers for 'COVID Mitra' centres. When Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) called for volunteers to work at the medical and non-medical divisions at the Triage Centre of Tulsidas Hospital, she contacted the Corporation officials and got selected.

Initially, she was scared to work among COVID-positive patients that too after seeing news about the pandemic in certain television channels where minor incidents or illnesses were hyped up. But she came to know real situation at ground zero after working in COVID Mitra.

"Of course, COVID is a serious disease and people must take care of themselves. But that much of hype was not required, I feel," she said.

"Now I have shed all fears and have been checking the saturation level of people coming to the centre. Following so much of negativity reporting in TV media, my mother had opposed earlier but later agreed since I have to start working as a doctor from next year. People who come here are treated well. I feel happy when patients shower their blessings on us after getting treated," Dr. Amulya told *SOM*.

Another volunteer **R.S. Srikalpa,** daughter of R.S. Satyanarayana, an employee of MCC and D.S. Subbalakshmi, is a third year student of Pharmacy at Sarada Vilas Pharmacy College. She is also working as a volunteer in medical division of COVID Mitra.

"As the crisis of the second wave got bigger and bigger, with thousands of cases everyday, mounting deaths amidst a crumbling healthcare infrastructure, I applied for the post of volunteer called by MCC to work in COVID Mitra. My parents supported me. Initially, I was scared but I overcame it after sometime. Now, I examine patients and counsel them."

For critical patients, oxygen is provided through oxygen concentrators and we must instil confidence among their relatives. We pharmacy students learn dispensing medicines at medical shops. Similarly, at COVID Mitra, we dispense medicines after checking the symptoms of patients," she said.

Picture shows Srikalpa counselling a patient at the Triage Centre in city.

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0821 - 2957711

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94498 - 41196
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2420112/113
0821 - 2330803
0821 - 2331803

MANDYA
08232 - 224248

District War Room
08232 - 229393

Maddur Taluk
08232 - 232010

Malavalli Taluk
08231 - 242277

Srirangapatna Taluk
08236 - 252029

Pandavapura Taluk
08236 - 255128

Nagamangala Taluk
08234 - 285045

K.R. Pet Taluk
08230 - 262227

KODAGU

COVID Hospital
08272 - 220606

District Helpline
08272 - 221077

Madikeri
08272 - 228396

Virajpet / Ponnampet
08274 - 256328

Somarpet
08276 - 282045

CH'NAGAR
95386-74839
1077

Kollegal Taluk
08224 - 252046

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Second round of house-to-house health survey planned: Dist. Minister

Mysuru, June 11 (SSV)- Co-operation and District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar said the District Administration has successfully conducted 'Vaidyara Nade - Halliya Kade' and increased the number of tests.

Explaining to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa during the video-conference with Deputy Commissioners (DCs) of eight districts that were reporting more number of Corona positive cases and mortality yesterday, he said though the number of positive cases was more, the Positivity Rate was declining. The house-to-house survey was almost complete and plans are afoot to have another round of survey. "We are expecting the Positivity Rate to reduce," he added.

The Minister said that the asymptomatic patients were admitted to COVID Care Centres and this has helped in checking the spread of pandemic. The district has registered 88 Black Fungus cases of which 62 are active and ten have died. Others have been discharged from various hospitals, Somashekar said.

DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham, Zilla Panchayat CEO A.M. Yogesh, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj, ADC Dr. B.S. Manjunathaswamy, Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) R. Shivakumar, District Surgeon Dr. Rajeshwari Devi, District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. T. Amarnath and MCC Health Officer Dr. D.G. Nagaraj were present.

'Lockdown lifting only after Positivity Rate drops below 5 percent'

District Minister S.T. Somashekar chairing the COVID review meeting at ZP Hall yesterday afternoon.

Mysuru, June 11 (YDS&SSV)- The existing Corona Positivity Rate is around 20 percent in Mysuru District because of which lockdown will be extended for another week to end on June 21, said Co-operation and District in-Charge Minister S.T. Somashekar.

Talking to media after a meeting with MP, MLAs and officers at Zilla Panchayat auditorium here yesterday, he said decision regarding relaxation to various sectors will be decided on June 14. The Deputy Commissioner, Superintendent of Police and Chief Executive Officer of Zilla Panchayat will travel in one car and visit all 11 COVID Care Centres in the district to study the current COVID situation. Another set of officers led by District Health Officer will also travel across the District to study the prevailing condition, he said.

The Minister said the Corona Positivity Rate which was 27 percent last week has now dropped to 20 percent. The District will be unlocked only if the Positivity Rate drops below 5 percent. The District Administration will take all necessary steps to reduce the Positivity Rate below 5 percent in the next one week. As part of this, the State Government's ambitious programmes, 'Vaidyara Nade - Halliya Kade' has been extended by another week. The medical teams will conduct more number of COVID tests and shift the infected persons to hospitals or COVID Care Centres depending upon their health condition. After recovery, they are being sent to post-recovery centres for resting two to three days. Later, they will return home.

Questioned about difference in list of dead patients and actual death rate, Somashekar said Krishnaraja MLA S.A. Ramdas has observed this during his programme of meeting families of COVID victims to console them. The same has been brought to the notice of the DC, he added.

NR MLA Tanveer Sait said the meeting discussed about high positivity rate in district and favoured vaccinating traders on priority. COVID recovered patients must take precaution following the chances of developing other problems later. Separate oxygen facility must be made for such persons, he added.

MP Pratap Simha, MLAs S.A. Ramdas, G.T. Devegowda, L. Nagendra, K. Mahadev, S.R. Mahesh, H.P. Manjunath, Ashwin Kumar, Anil Chikkamadu, MLCs R. Dharmasena and K.T. Srikantegowda, DC Dr. Bagadi Gautham, Police Commissioner Dr. Chadragupta, SP R. Chethan, ZP CEO A.M. Yogesh, MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, Additional DC Dr. B.S. Manjunathaswamy, MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh, MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Chairmen of various other Boards and Corporations Raghu Kautilya, Kote Shivanna, N.V. Phaneesh, L.R. Mahadevaswamy, Krishnappagowda and Hemanth Kumar Gowda were present.

Corona cases to decline in one week, says S.T. Somashekar

Mysuru, June 11 (RK&SSV)- Co-operation and District Minister S.T. Somashekar said all symptomatic patients are sent to the Triage Centre for suitable medical advice.

Participating in a video-conference with Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa yesterday, he said the ongoing house-to-house health survey will be initiated for another round and all symptomatic patients will be sent to Triage. This measure was expected to bring down Corona Positivity Rate in the district in the next one week. The number of people recovering in COVID Care Centres has increased, he added.

The Minister said the District has achieved 100 percent in vaccinating first dose of vaccine to people above 45 years of age. The inoculation for beneficiaries in the age group of 18 to 44 years will be given free of cost after June 21 as per the directions of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham said the Corona cases are slowly decreasing and it is expected to reduce further by the end of this month.

HC stays Mysuru Mayoral poll in the wake of COVID curbs

For now, Mayor's post turns 'many a slip between the cup and the lip' for Congress

Mysuru, June 11 (SBD&BCT)- The High Court of Karnataka last evening stayed the election scheduled to be held on June 11 to the post of Mysuru Mayor as restrictions imposed to check the spread of COVID-19 are in place. The election has been put off till June 21.

The election was scheduled to be held today after Rukmini Madegowda was disqualified as a member of the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC).

Justice Sachin Shankar Magadum passed the order on a petition filed by Pradeep Chandra, a Congress Corporator of the MCC. The Court, however, said authorities can decide on holding the election after lifting of guidelines issued under the Disaster Management Act.

The lawyer for the petitioner, L.M. Chidanandaya told the court that COVID-19 infection is high in Mysuru and if the election is held in such a situation, people are more likely to come together. He said that it was dangerous and asked the High Court to postpone the election.

The High Court said that in the present situation, it is not right to hold elections and the elections not be held till June 21, keeping in mind the pandemic situation. Pradeep had contended that the election process would result in gathering of Councillors and others in violation of the guidelines.

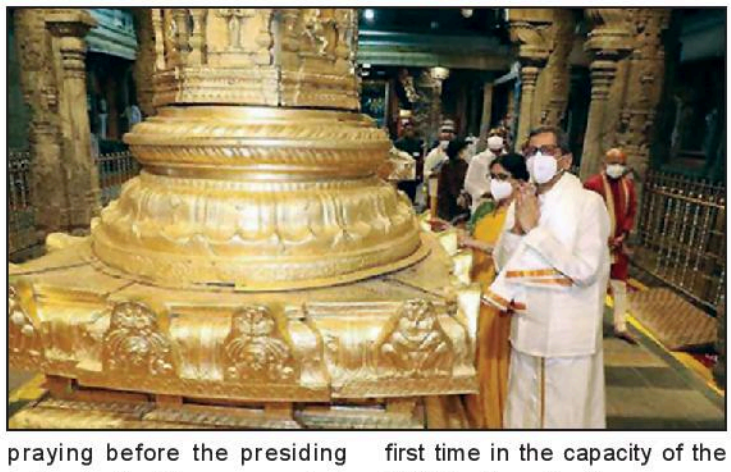
The JD(S) and Congress had agreed to tie up to ensure the BJP stays out of power in the Corporation, similar to the alliance it had formed after the last elections held in February. With the development in the High Court, the Mayoral post has slipped out of Congress for now.

Unlike the events that occurred during the last Mayoral election, the JD(S) had readily offered the Mayor's post to the Congress, ending all speculations. Even as the Congress was zeroing-in on the suitable candidate, the High Court order came as a rude shock.

Interestingly, it is the Congress Corporator who went to the Court seeking postponement of the elections and this has come as a double whammy for Congress. Realising that the party had no chance of cobbling up an alliance to bag the Mayor's post, the BJP sat quiet this time unlike the last time where it desperately tried till the last moment to grab the coveted post. This time, the party limited itself to issue a whip to its members.

CJI Justice N.V. Ramana offers prayers at Lord Venkateswara Temple in Tirumala

Tirumala, June 11 (UNI)- Chief Justice of India (CJI) Justice N.V. Ramana, who arrived here along with his family members on a two-day pilgrimage visit on Thursday evening, offered prayers at the ancient hill shrine of Lord Venkateswara in the early hours of today.



After night halt at hilltop, Justice Ramana along with his family worshipped the presiding deity during the *Abhishekam Seva* period.

Earlier, on his arrival at the main entrance of the temple, Justice Ramana, an ardent devotee of Lord Venkateswara, was accorded a traditional welcome by TTD Chairman Y.V. Subba Reddy along with Executive Officer Dr. K.S. Jawahar Reddy and Additional Executive Officer A.V. Dharma Reddy.

After spending a few minutes praying before the presiding deity, Justice Ramana reached Ranganakula Mandapam inside the temple complex, where he was rendered *Vedasirvachanam* by the Veda pundits.

The TTD Chairman and the EO offered the temple's *prasadams* and a photo memento of Lord Venkateswara to the CJI.

His visit to the shrine was the first time in the capacity of the Chief Justice of India.

After arriving in the temple town on Thursday, Justice Ramana along with his family members also took part in the *Ekantha Seva* ritual at the hill temple.

Police have made elaborate security arrangements at Tirumala Hills in view of Justice Ramana's visit.

Transfer tussle moves on to the virtual world

Former CM Siddharamaiah, MLA Dr. Yathindra and MP Pratap Simha take pot-shots at each other

Siddharamaiah

Dr. Yathindra

Pratap Simha

Mysuru, June 11 (BCT)- The outbursts of political party leaders following the unceremonious exits of IAS Officers Rohini Sindhuri and Shilpa Nag from Mysuru as Deputy Commissioner and Mysuru City Corporation Commissioner respectively have continued in the virtual world.

However, the tones, in which the statements are made, do have a tinge of sarcasm where even their past deeds/misdeeds are highlighted.

It all began when former Chief Minister and Congress Legislature Party leader Siddharamaiah tweeted on June 8 where he stated that elected representatives from the BJP and JD(S) MLA S.R. Mahesh brought a discord between Rohini Sindhuri and Shilpa Nag that ultimately led to their transfers.

"Elected representatives from BJP and JD(S) MLA S.R. Mahesh are the real reason behind the fight between IAS Officers Rohini Sindhuri and Shilpa Nag. MP Pratap Simha first supported Rohini Sindhuri and later stood behind Shilpa Nag. He pitted both of them against each other," Siddharamaiah tweeted, tagging the MP.

Hitting back at the former CM the same evening, Pratap Simha, uploading old newspaper clippings tweeted thus: *"Siddharamaiah-Garu, please read the following reports. By the way when you were the Chief Minister, your follower K. Marigowda had abused Mysuru DC Shikha in full public view. Instead of advising your follower, you transferred the DC. Did you forget that?"* he asked, tagging Siddharamaiah.

'Son rise'

Immediately, Siddharamaiah's son Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah tweeted defending his father: *"Shikha had completed three years in Mysuru as DC unlike now where Rohini Sindhuri was transferred in just eight months. From your public outbursts against the DC that led to the mutual skirmish between the two Officers on public platform it is amply clear that you have no control over the administrative machinery."*

Dr. Yathindra did not stop at this. He followed up his first tweet with the second one: *"Though your own Government is in power, you complained against Officers in a public platform. You failed to control the District Administration and lost grip. Does anyone require a mirror to prove that the Government has lost track and dishonest? Tighten the grip on governance before commenting on Opposition leaders."*

The war of words saw a sort of an end for now as neither did Pratap Simha reply to Dr. Yathindra nor Dr. Yathindra followed up his earlier tweet against the MP.

Siddharamaiah *Garu*

Siddharamaiah, however, continued his diatribe against the MP where he said, *"Pratap Simha might have addressed me as 'Garu' (Telugu) to show that he is proficient in Telugu. I will accept his constructive criticism. But Pratap Simha has no political maturity. Why did he support Rohini Sindhuri first? And why did he suddenly change his stand? Those who change stands for selfish motives are immature politicians."*

Tough lockdown continues in Mysuru District till June 21

- No changes in restrictions
- Shopping time allowed from 6 am to 10 am
- Weekend curfew not applicable

Bengaluru/Mysuru (RK&SSV)- The State Government has decided to extend tough lockdown in 11 Districts of the total 31 Districts in view of high COVID Positivity Rate (CPR) till June 21. However, other 21 districts will have some relaxations from June 14 but will face weekend curfew as a precautionary measure.

Talking to media persons after chairing a meeting of senior Cabinet Ministers and top bureaucrats here yesterday, Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa said "As per the advice of the Technical Advisory Committee for control of the spread of COVID-19, there will be no change in restrictions in the districts of the State with high positivity rates — Chikkamagalur, Shivamogga, Davanagere, Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Hassan, Dakshina Kannada, Bengaluru Rural, Mandya, Belagavi and Kodagu Districts."

However, there will be a night curfew and weekend curfew in all the Districts, with effect from June 14 till June 21. From Monday to Friday, there will be night curfew starting from 7 pm to 6 am the next day. Likewise, weekend curfew will be in force from 7 pm on Friday till 7 am on Monday.

NOT APPLICABLE

But, the order on night curfew and weekend curfew is not applicable to 11 Districts including Mysuru, since people are allowed to buy the essentials only between 6 am and 10 am and thereafter the shops will close down. People are not permitted to come out after 10 am except for emergency.

For any further relaxations or restrictions, the District Administration has to issue separate guidelines in consultation with District in-Charge Minister and the elected representatives.

The State Government is expected to issue fresh set of rules tomorrow. As of now, milk booths, medical shops, HOPCOMS outlets are allowed to function from 6 am to 6 pm. Even pushcarts are allowed to sell fruits/vegetables but without positioning at one place.

The CM said the 11 Districts where restrictions will continue reported an average test positivity rate that is above the State average of nine percent as per data on Wednesday. "In all the other Districts there will be changes in restrictions for the period from June 14 to June 21. All factories can function with 50 percent of staff strength. Garment industries can, however, have only 30 percent of staff. All shops and stores supplying essential commodities can stay open till 2 pm instead of just 6 am to 10 am," the CM said.

Sindhuri urges RC

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"Not only this, irregularities in the land dealings have been unearthed near Lingambudhi Lake and this aspect has remained beyond the scope of investigation. This too needs to be probed. The investigation must not be limited to just one subject (Choultry) as per the choice of the MLA but a detailed probe has to be initiated," Rohini Sindhuri said.

Protesting in front of Regional Commissioner's Office yesterday against the allegations made by Rohini Sindhuri, Mahesh had said, *"If I had constructed the Choultry on the storm-water drain, and if the investigation proves that I had violated the norms, I will handover the Choultry to the Government and I will also retire from public life."*

Internal Adjustment?

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The RC's move is suspicious and everyone knows that the three-time MLA and one-time Minister staged a high-drama yesterday by staging the protest. "On any application or request on land by a public or an elected representative, the RC does not set a deadline and keeps the file for months or years. Why there is so much urgency in this issue? Does it not raise suspicion?" he questioned.

A pre-meditated move

"The MLA's protest along with his handful of supporters, the RC's visit placating the MLA, the intended clean chit…everything is pre-planned to hoodwink the public. The land dealings of the MLA including the one where his Choultry stands (Survey No. 130/3 Dattagalli), the illegalities that have been committed at Survey Number 124/2 at Lingambudhi village, Survey Number 115 at Kergalli village and Survey Number 123 at Dattagalli all are at DC's Court now. Why should the RC take up just one issue ignoring the rest? This is highly suspicious," the MLC said.

Vishwanath further said that the RC is bound to certify that the Choultry is not built on the *Raja Kaluve*. *"Yes, this will be his report. You wait and see. The RC must instead investigate into the entire parcel of land in Survey Number 98 to see whether the MUDA land has been encroached. Or is there a Raja Kaluve that has been buried or closed by land mafia after constructing buildings? All angles must be investigated along with all the four documents released by Rohini Sindhuri to ensure justice,"* the MLC demanded.

Ambulance driver shifts 1,300 COVID patients

Mysuru, June 11 (MK&SSV)-An ambulance driver attached to Trauma Care Centre, Shankar, has shifted over 1,300 Corona positive patients to various hospitals for treatment in one year. But, he is sad that five to six persons have died in the vehicle before reaching the hospital.

Talking to *SOM*, he, however, regretted that people have failed to understand the seriousness of this epidemic despite witnessing the spike in positive cases and mortality rate. At least 20 persons come near the Centre to see each patient without understanding the lurking danger, he regretted.

"I have a sense of satisfaction in my duty. But, I am unhappy with people's attitude," he rued.

Shankar belongs to Kollegal but cannot go to his native daily. So, he works a full day and takes leave another day. He has also worked as Ambulance driver in Talakad Community Health Centre. Now, he brings around 7-8 positive patients daily to the Trauma Centre. *"Pressure on us has reduced thanks to less number of cases. But, we cannot forget precautions,"* he added.

Ambulance driver Shankar

"Initially, I was scared to ferry Corona positive patients but now that fear has reduced after moving with them by wearing PPE suit, face shield, masks and using sanitiser regularly," Shankar said.

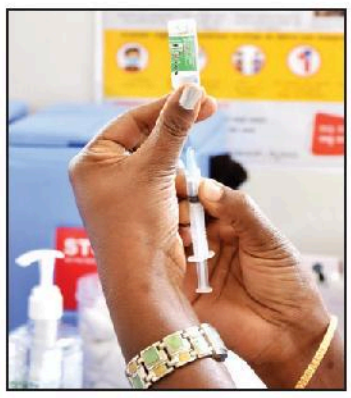
IMF hails India's free vaccination to all

Washington, June 11 (UNI) - The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has welcomed Indian Government's recent announcement of free vaccination to all and free ration to the poor at a time when the country is fighting the second wave of the pandemic and staring at a possible third wave.

"The IMF welcomes the Indian Government's announcement to facilitate access to vaccinations and to provide additional support to minimise the social cost of the pandemic and to relieve the human, the very human costs of the pandemic," Gerry Rice from the Communication Department of IMF said on Thursday in response to a question during an online press briefing.

Rice further said the second wave of COVID-19 and associated containment measures suggest "a sharp fall" in India's economic activity. *"We will be revising India's growth forecast next month in the update to the World Economic Outlook,"* he added.

IMF, in April this year, had pegged India's growth forecast at 12.5 percent for FY 2021-22. After that even Reserve Bank



of India, the central bank of the country, has cut its growth forecast and put it at 9.5 percent for this fiscal.

Terming India as 'important' to the global economy, Rice said due to its large share in global and regional GDP India's growth and economic outlook has broader implications. It has strong trade linkages and global supply chains, particularly strong with south Asia and that region. Therefore, its spillovers will be felt in the region.

In a virtual address to the nation on Monday, Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi had said that the Centre has decided to procure COVID-19 vaccines for everyone aged 18-44 and supply them to States free of cost.

Covaxin Clinical trials begin

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Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj said that the Ethics Committee for Covaxin's clinical trials in children selected the Hospital. "Based on the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), the Child Rehabilitation Centre has been converted into a vaccination trial centre," he said.

"During screening, we draw blood samples for 'COVID IgG' antibodies and nasopharyngeal swabs for RT-PCR tests. If IgG antibodies and RT-PCR are negative, they (children) will be eligible to get into the study. The study subjects will be given two doses of vaccine 28 days apart and will be followed up for six months for safety analysis," he added.

Some children had to be rejected as they were ineligible for the trial on account of either having antibodies or active infection. Before the shots are administered, the children are taken for audio-visual counselling and their consent is obtained.

After vaccination, they are kept here for two hours and then sent home. They will be continuously monitored for seven days for any signs of fever, fatigue and exhaustion. "All the parameters in the SOP are followed stringently and the monitoring will continue for six months," he added.

On a positive note, when the vaccinated kids were followed up telephonically, mild pain at the injection site was observed in 10 subjects. No other complications were reported. "No serious effects were observed and we are happy that volunteers are coming on their own for trials. There is a demand from parents and youngsters too," Dr. Nanjaraj added.

They will receive the second dose after 28 days, following which their blood samples will be checked to see if antibodies have developed against COVID-19. The next phase of trials will begin for children between the age group of 6 and 12 and then for children between 2 and 6 years.

The trials are being done under the supervision of Paediatricians. Dr. Pradeep and Dr. Prashanth are the Principal Investigators and are assisted by V. Sakamma, Nursing Superintendent of Cheluvamba Hospital and Pooja and Reena, both Clinical Researchers.

The Child Rehabilitation Centre has been set up at Cheluvamba as per the directions from the Medical Council of India. It is a separate building in the Cheluvamba campus and earlier, the building served as a kitchen for the Hospital patients. Now the food is being supplied from the K.R. Hospital in a centralised system.

Across the nation, a total of 525 healthy children have been roped in for the trials and they have been divided into three age groups. 175 volunteers each in 12-18, 6-12 and 2-6 age groups will be inoculated with doses.

Alleged land scam: Vatal Nagaraj demands CBI probe

Stages protest against exorbitant fuel prices

Mysuru, June 11 (PM&KS)- Kannada Chaluvali Party President Vatal Nagaraj has demanded a CBI probe into the alleged land scam in Mysuru, besides urging to make former Mysuru DC T. M. Vijay Bhaskar's Report public.

He also staged a protest yesterday by riding a bicycle near Hardinge Circle following increase in fuel prices. Petrol price has reached over Rs. 100 per litre.

He said that a thorough probe should be done by the CBI in the alleged land scam in city and the guilty should be sent to jail.

He demanded the Report on the land scam by former Mysuru DC T.M. Vijay Bhaskar, which has been submitted to the Government, be made public and held the land mafia responsible for the transfer of former DC Rohini Sindhuri.

Pointing out that the prices of fuels were being hiked frequently, Vatal Nagaraj said that the Central Government had broken the backbone of common people and urged the people to fight against State and Central Governments.

Pro-Kannada activists Mugur Nanjundaswamy, Thayur Vittalamurthy and others took part in the protest.

Congress Units stage protest against high fuel prices

Members of City Youth Congress staging protest against exorbitant fuel prices in front of a petrol bunk on Manandawadi Road here this morning.

Mysuru, June 11 (KS)- Members and office-bearers of City, Rural, Youth and Women Congress units, staged protests at multiple venues in city this morning against high fuel prices which has crossed Rs. 100 per litre.

City Youth Congress: Mysuru City Youth Congress led by Congress leader N.M. Naveen Kumar and City Youth Congress President Mohammed Haris, staged a protest against fuel prices in front of a petrol bunk on Manadavadi Road this morning.

Naveen Kumar said that over the last five months, the prices of petrol and diesel had been increased 43 times despite the international crude oil price hovering around 72 dollars per barrel as compared to 110 dollars during the UPA regime when the petrol price was around Rs. 80.

Claiming that the Central Government has incurred revenue of about Rs. 3 lakh crore though taxes on petroleum products, Naveen demanded the fuel prices be slashed as it was affecting the common man, who is already reeling under severe financial crisis following COVID-19-induced lockdown.

Youth Congress leaders Noufil, Inayath, Bharat Manoj, Sashank, Ikram, Chandru, Vishnu, Rizwan, Pailwan Sunil, Harsha and others took part in the protest.

Mahila Congress: The City Mahila Congress unit led by its President and former Mayor Pushpalatha T.B. Chikkanna, staged a protest near a petrol bunk on Dhanvantri Road and condemned the hike in fuel prices.

Vice-President and former Deputy Mayor Pushpavalli and others were present.

In other protests, former MLAs Vasu, M.K. Somashekar and Kalale Keshavamurthy former MP and KPCC Working President R. Dhruvanarayan, Hunsur MLA H.P. Manjunath, Congress Legal Cell and RTI unit State Secretary Kavitha Kaale and others staged a protest in front a petrol bunk and at the Congress Office near City Railway Station and condemned the frequently increasing fuel prices. The highlight was '100 not out' placards, denoting the hike in per litre of petrol.

Raitha Sangha seeks probe into land grabbing allegations

Mysuru, June 11 (PM&SD) - Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS) has sought a high-level probe into the alleged land grabbing in Mysuru.

Addressing a press meet at Jaladarshini Guest House here this morning, KRRS State President Badagalapura Nagendra said, "It is very unfortunate that people had to witness this mega tussle between two IAS officers in city recently. Many people have called me to express their disgust over this unfortunate incident. In addition, elected representatives and officials are involved in this alleged land scam in Mysuru. This is a serious issue. Hence, we would like to know the truth behind all these allegations. The State Government should set up a high-level enquiry headed by a sitting Judge to probe these land-grabbing allegations."

"We have already written a letter to Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa in this regard. This tussle involving IAS officers in administration, is a reminiscent of colonial rule under the British. We do not need such officers or this type of administration," he said.

Speaking of support prices to crops Nagendra said, "The Central Government has now announced new Minimum Support Price (MSP) for 14 kharif crops. We would like to urge the Government to make MSP a legal right for farmers. Raitha Sangha will be holding Statewide protest against rising prices of fuel, electricity and other essential commodities in the third week of this month," he added.

Farmer leaders Hosakote Basavaraju and P. Marankaiah were present at the press meet.

Farmers stay resilient despite COVID shock

Labour shortage does not deter them as they themselves don the role of labourers

Srirangapatna, June 11 (Vinay Karekura & BCT)- As a devastating COVID-19 second wave tears through the lives, farmers in Mysuru and Mandya have defied the odds to nearly complete paddy harvesting as they prepare for the oncoming rainy season to grow fresh crops.

The farming sector has largely remained unaffected during the lockdown at a time when economic activity ground to a halt in cities. They have kept their date with the farm calendar, thanks to their resilience, unity and also camaraderie. They have been able to tide over the acute labour crisis and have gone in for extensive harvesting through mechanisation and also cooperative farming.

Their timely agricultural operations despite surging infections have ensured stable food supplies and farm incomes. Even the inroads made by the virus into rural areas have not affected them. A good monsoon last year ensured a bumper paddy crop harvest in Mysuru and Mandya this year.

But due to the pandemic, tonnes of paddy were destined to rot in the fields. Realising the crisis, farmers got together and took the issue head-on. On any harvest season, thousands of labourers come to Mandya and Mysuru from various nook and corner from Nanjangud, Chamarajanagar, Kollegal and other places.

They mainly camped in paddy-rich Srirangapatna and on the outskirts of Mysuru where paddy is still grown. If they come days before the harvest, they stay till the next crop sowing and transplantation is done. That means, the labourers stay here till over six months. Due to COVID this year and lack of transportation facilities, there has been not even a trickle of labourers from outside.

Sensing the problem early, farmers themselves pooled in labour and helped each other in a sort of cooperative farming. Each farmer's house has a minimum of five members and including brothers and sisters and also their uncles and aunts, the number grows to 14 or 16. Likewise, families got on to the fields in groups of 30 to 60 members and took up harvesting activities.

The labour cost is paid on a day-to-day basis where farmers are donning the role of labourers in fields. Both men and women are part of this activity that includes cutting of the paddy stalk, arranging them and tying the sheaves to be transported to yards where the grain is separated. Every village has such groups and while smaller villages have 50 to 60 persons, bigger ones have up to 100 and the field acreage too is large.

Farmers themselves form large groups to harvest paddy crop instead of depending on external labour in Srirangapatna taluk of Mandya district. *[Pics by Vinay Karekura]*

"Over 2,500 acres in Srirangapatna are ready for harvesting and there are 20,000 acres in Mandya district where paddy is being harvested. This practice is both beneficial to farmers and the fields where work like harvesting, sowing and transplantation are taken up among their own and they can also save on excessive payments to labourers from other places. Usually they take loans from farmers promising to arrive the next season but never turn up," said Nishanth Keelara, Assistant Director, Agricultural Department, Srirangapatna.

Farmers are also dependent on mechanised harvesting by giant machines that come from Tamil Nadu. Owners of such vehicles send the giant machines with a driver overnight to Mandya and Mysuru. Babu, a dealer of such giant harvesting machines, said that one machine can harvest seven acres of paddy land per day. Once the paddy is harvested, the machine separates the grain from the sheaves and neatly bundles the grass. It is a hassle-free mechanisation but expensive.

For each hour of harvest, a farmer has to pay Rs. 2,500 and many farmers are relying on these machines as they never know when it will start raining. Rain will damage the paddy completely.

"This year, over 100 harvesting machines have come from Tamil Nadu," he added. These machines go from district to district depending on the readiness of the crop to harvest. Each week thousands of acres of paddy fields are polished clean and the machines leave for Tamil Nadu later, he added.

TARPAULIN SHORTAGE

This year, the farmers are falling short of tarpaulins as the regular tarpaulin suppliers and brokers have not arrived from Andhra Pradesh with the material due to lockdown. They too come to Srirangapatna and camp along with the machine drivers and cleaners.

Even the Agricultural Department has failed to make any alternative arrangements and it is a common sight to see farmers queuing up in front of Raitha Samparka Kendra for tarpaulins. Farmers need tarpaulins to collect the grains from the harvesting machines after it dumps them in a particular area.

As the grain storage compartment in the harvesting machine turns full, the compartment has to be emptied to take in fresh grains. As such, the machines dump the freshly extracted grains on the tarpaulins that are in turn filled into gunny bags by farmers. Unfortunately the farmers who depend on mechanised farming are hit by tarpaulin shortage.

The officers are telling farmers not to depend on other States for their harvesting and tarpaulin requirement and purchase locally available material with subsidies given by the Government.

Harvest machine that cuts paddy sheaves and delivers the final grain to the farmers, ready to be packed and sold.

Paddy sheaves being machine-rolled to make a tight bundle. Not even water can percolate.

Actor Darshan's appeal

fetches over Rs. 1 crore for 9 Zoos

Good collection since last five days

Darshan

Mahadevaswamy

Mysuru, June 11 (MTY&SSV)- An open appeal made by Kannada film actor Darshan Thoogudeepa seeking donations and adoption of animals in nine Zoos across Karnataka has helped Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) to net Rs. 1 crore.

Since last five days, animal-lovers have adopted 3,578 birds and animals in nine Zoos by paying Rs. 1,00,47,900 through *Zoos of Karnataka* App, said ZAK Chairman L.R. Mahadevaswamy.

Financial crisis has hit all the nine Zoos in the State due to COVID-19 pandemic since March 2020, the subsequent nationwide curfew followed by second wave that hit the gate collection for want of footfall. This has hit feeding of numerous birds and animals and also maintenance of the Zoos. In view of poor state of affairs of Zoos, the ZAK had roped in Darshan Thoogudeepa, an ardent animal lover and a resident of Mysuru, who has grown seeing the growth of the century-old Mysuru Zoo for over last three decades.

He visited Mysuru Zoo on June 5 to shoot a video requesting people to show their love and affection towards the birds and animals by adopting them. This has fetched over Rs. 1 crore, Mahadevaswamy told media persons here yesterday.

Mysuru Zoo has received the highest number of donations and adoptions of Rs. 51,75,700 followed by Bannerghatta Biological Park in Bengaluru which got Rs. 29,83,000.

The donations received in other Zoos are: Shivamogga Zoo - Rs. 7, 24,800, Gadag Zoo - Rs. 2,66,400, Hampi Zoo - Rs. 2,42,200, Belagavi Zoo - Rs. 2,23,300, Davangere Zoo - Rs. 1,94,900, Chitradurga Zoo - Rs. 1,49,300 and Kalaburagi Zoo - Rs. 89,300. The donations are pouring in from all over the State.

As many as 2,023 people in Mysuru and 918 in Bengaluru have either made donations or adopted animals under the Zoo Animal Adoption Scheme.

Mahadevaswamy has thanked Darshan for his support at a time when the Zoos are facing serious revenue crisis for the second successive year due to the pandemic. The closure of all Zoos due to lockdown resulted in zero revenue. All Zoos, including Mysuru Zoo and Bannerghatta Biological Park and smaller ones in Gadag, Belagavi and other places needed about Rs. 15 lakh to Rs. 20 lakh daily for their maintenance. The annual maintenance of the Zoos comes up to Rs. 60 crore, he added.

Decomposed carcass of tiger found in Bandipur

Gundlupet, June 11 (SOMG&KS) - A carcass of a tiger in a decomposed state was found in Hongalli Forest area of Maddur Forest Range in Bandipur Reserve Forest yesterday.

The tiger was said to be between 10 and 11 years old and suspected to have died about four to five days ago as birds and maggots had eaten away the flesh.

Forest Department staff, who found the carcass during their regular beat, informed their higher officials. Bandipur Project Tiger Director S.R. Natesha, Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) K. Paramesh, National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) representative and Wildlife Warden Krithika Alanahally and Maddur Range Forest Officer (RFO) Sudhakar Nayak, who rushed to the spot, conducted an inspection.

All the teeth and claws of the dead tiger were found intact, no wounds found on the body and there were no traces of poisoning. The teeth were worn out and the tiger is said to have died due to natural causes. Post-mortem was conducted and the carcass was cremated in front of the officials. The exact cause for the death would be known only after receiving the report.

CM launches DBT App for direct funds transfer

Bengaluru, June 11 (KMS&SSV)-Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa launched a Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mobile app that will help transfer funds directly to beneficiaries of various Government welfare schemes here yesterday. This app has been developed by Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (e-governance).

As many as 120 schemes in the State have been included in this platform.

"For the past two years more than Rs. 12,000 crore has been directly transferred to the Aadhaar-linked bank accounts of beneficiaries," Yediyurappa said, after launching the App.

The CM expressed happiness that the system has eliminated misappropriation of funds, middlemen and loopholes. All packages announced by the State Government during COVID-19 first and second wave have been paid through this platform.

Schemes announced in the budget, which provide financial assistance in the State, will be brought under the DBT platform. This platform will identify the beneficiary through his or her Aadhaar number and consider the details provided in the card as financial address and will directly transfer the amount to the Aadhaar-linked bank account.

"The intention of the Government to bring in transparency will be achieved only when citizens use this application. Hence, the citizens must make the best use of this software application and keep themselves informed about the transfer of benefits," Yediyurappa added

Additional Chief Secretary (Finance) I.S.N. Prasad, Additional Chief Secretary (e-governance) Rajiv Chawla, DBT Planning Director Srivatsa and NIC Deputy Director Jayanthi were present.

Trader found murdered

Mysuru, June 11 (MK&KS)- A trader has been found murdered and the body with throat slit open was found in a vacant building at Adishwara Layout yesterday.

The deceased has been identified as Ravish (36), a resident of Yelwal in city. A native of Pandavapura taluk in Mandya district, Ravish was running a shop at Hootagalli and was residing at a rented house in Yelwal. The reason and motive behind the murder is yet to be known, said the Police.

Yelwal Police, who have registered a case are investigating.

Bus driver commits suicide

Mysuru, June 11 (MK&KS)- Caught in deep debts, a driver of a private bus allegedly committed suicide by hanging self at his friend's room at Papanna Layout in Alanahalli here yesterday.

According to the Police, the deceased is Prakash (39), a resident of Yaraganahalli. He leaves behind two children. Alanahalli Police, who have registered a case are investigating.

Obituary

Syed Rahmathulla

Mysuru, June 11 - Syed Rahmathulla (72), former member of District Wakf Advisory Committee and a resident of S.S. Nagar in Bannimantap, passed away this morning at a private hospital in city following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, three daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Namaz-e-Janaza and burial took place at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle today, according to sources.

WORD OF THE DAY

Nettle

Pronunciation: NET-ul.
Meaning: To strike or sting with or as if with nettles; to arouse to sharp but transitory annoyance or anger.
Origin: If you've ever brushed against nettles, you know those weeds have sharp bristles that can leave you smarting and itching. The painful and irritating rash that nettles cause can last for days, but at least it is a rash with a linguistic silver lining. The discomfort caused by nettles can serve to remind one that the verb nettle is a synonym of irritate. Nettle originated as a plant name that we can trace to the Old English word netel. Eventually, people likened the nagging itch caused by the plant to the nagging aggravation of being annoyed and nettle became a synonym of vex, peeve and of course irritate.
Example: You could tell by his nervous reaction that the town official was nettled by the reporter's probing questions.

THE ODD WORD

Naos

Temple; inner cell of a temple.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Name and shame

Meaning: The publication of the identity of a person or group that is culpable in some anti-social act in order to shame them into remorse.
Origin: The phrase has been known since the late 19th century as a noun phrase; for example, this piece from the Pennsylvania newspaper The Warren Ledger, October 1884:
"None are willing to father the name and shame of being beer or whisky men."
It began to be used in the 1990s as a verb phrase, following an initiative by the UK Government. On Oct 8, 1996 The Independent (London) reported that:
"The Home Secretary [Conservative minister Michael Howard] is also expected to suggest a scheme to 'name and shame' young offenders by giving courts the power to remove the automatic anonymity for under-18s."

QUOTE BOX

The question isn't who is going to let me; it's who is going to stop me.

— Ayn Rand

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

SOFA SPUD

Answer: Couch Potato.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Against med. advice
4 Turkish military leader
7 Pop in Paris
11 Cricket legend Kapil ___
12 Commit to paper
13 On top of
14 Motionless
17 Pore over
18 Gate-crasher
20 Aerial spirit
22 Architect Saarinen
23 Viva la ___ : long live the king in French
24 Makes a grating sound or says gratingly?
27 Overlook or pass by
31 Naps or reposes
33 Once more
34 Large mouse
35 Goes to the dogs, in a way?
37 French river
39 Boxing
42 Movie or cinema
43 Collectively
46 Eastern continent
47 Laughing out loud, acronym ?
48 Period of time
49 Comparison word
50 Prefix for "dermis" or "center"
51 Immerse in water

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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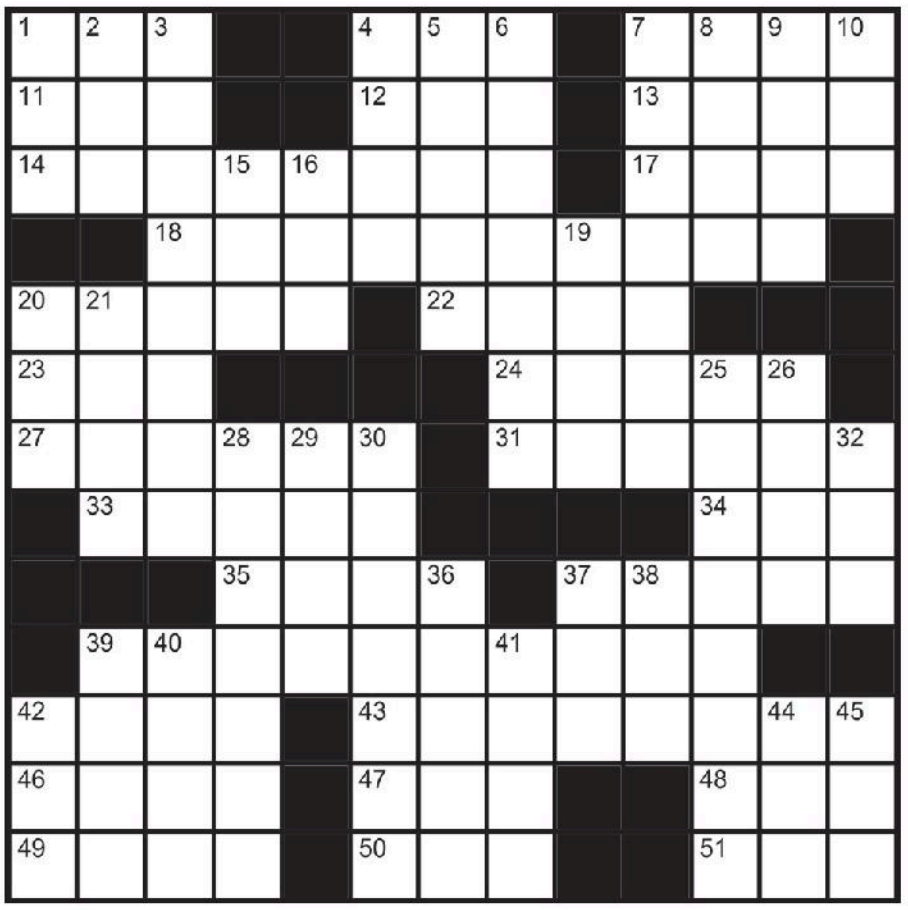
DOWN

1 Some promos
2 Encountered or came across
3 Making use of
4 Assoc. of Pub. Add. Engrs.
5 Species or class
6 Deer horns
7 Intention, motive or aim
8 Fencer's blade
9 Bellow like a lion?
10 Finish
15 Gross Natl. Prod.
16 Last in a long line
19 By the way of mouth
20 Asian honorific
21 Form of exercise and meditation all in one
25 Suffered death or ruin
26 Arch of bridge
28 Rower
29 Mob disturbance
30 Name or qualify?
32 Fr. holy title
36 Journalistic coup
37 Seller-Furnished Equip.
38 Newt or newt-like amphibian
39 Aquatic animal
40 Hip bones?
41 A crossbred citrus fruit
42 Live off the ___ of the land: live luxuriously?
44 Gad's son ?
45 Knock vigorously



SUDOKU

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	5					4	3	
			9		6			
	6	8					9	
1		4	5					
			6	2	4			
				8			5	

Answer to previous puzzle

9	3	5	6	7	2	4	1	8
1	2	4	5	9	8	7	6	3
7	8	6	1	4	3	5	9	2
3	1	2	9	6	4	8	7	5
8	6	9	2	5	7	3	4	1
4	5	7	3	8	1	6	2	9
5	9	3	4	2	6	1	8	7
6	7	1	8	3	9	2	5	4
2	4	8	7	1	5	9	3	6

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

HYTTFHH DH P BGYWRFV, RGU P CFHUDRPUDGR. UQF

CGDRX DH GOUFR KGWF DKZGWUPRU UQPR UQF GYUTGKF.

TODAY'S CLUE: H EQUALS S

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Because things are the way they are, things will not stay the way they are.

Ganapathy Ashram donates grocery kits to physically challenged persons

Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram on Nanjangud Road has donated 1,000 grocery kits to be distributed among physically challenged persons, who take vaccination. The kits were handed over by Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji to District Disabilities Officer R. Malini at Lakshminarasimha Kuteera in the Ashram premises yesterday morning. Also, grocery kits were distributed to a few physically challenged persons by the Swamiji on the occasion. Each kit contains 5 kg rice, 1 kg dal, 1 kg sugar, 1 litre cooking oil and other items sufficient for a month. Ashram's Executive Trustee H.V. Prasad, MLA S.A. Ramdas, Orthopaedician Dr. N. Nithyananda Rao, Kamakshi Hospital Managing Trustee Dr. M. Mahesh Shenoy, Mysuru APMC President Basavaraju and others were present.

Mysuru District Congress handing over medical equipment and medicine kits worth more than Rs. 10 lakh, which were given by donors, to the Taluk Administration at a programme held near Periyapatna Travellers' Bungalow recently. District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, former MLA K. Venkatesh and others were present.

Sri Kshetra Dharmastala has donated 5.5 tonnes of medical oxygen and one ventilator to District Minister S.T. Somashekar yesterday. While the medical oxygen will be given to the District Hospital, the ventilator would be given to Seth Mohandas Tulsidas Hospital's maternity wing. Also, distribution of grocery kits to the poor and the needy was launched on the occasion. MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham, ZP CEO A.M. Yogesh, MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, ADC Dr. B.S. Manjunathaswamy and others were present.

Former MLA conducts COVID Awareness Campaign

Mysuru, June 11 - Former MLA of KR Constituency M.K. Somashekar recently visited houses in Kurubarahalli, JC Nagar and Siddarthanagar and conducted COVID Awareness Campaign.

Somashekar urged all eligible family members to get vaccinated without fail and take all necessary precautionary measures to prevent infection. He also advised them to wear masks at home as well and use sanitisers to prevent the spread of germs. Later, he visited Siddarthanagar Primary Health Centre and took stock of the situation about the ongoing vaccination programme from the doctors and other staff members.

Block Congress President G. Somashekar, Congress leaders Somu, Pradeepkumar and others accompanied the ex-MLA.

Rice bags being distributed to about 250 poor families by Sri Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple at the temple premises in Vijayanagar here recently. Temple Founder Dr. Bhashyam Swamiji and Temple Secretary M. Srinivasan were present.

Rural Literacy and Health Programme (RLHP), Kluber Lubrication Pvt. Ltd. and Chem Trend distributed groceries — rice, sugar, dal, green gram, soji, biscuits, sambar powder, salt etc. — and daily essential items like soap, toothpaste and also face masks and sanitiser bottles to nearly 750 poor families at Ningarajakatte, Ambedkar Nagar, Hanchya and Sathagalli recently. RLHP Secretary V.K. Jose, Directors Saraswathi and Shashikumar, Kluber Lubrication's Programme Officer Jathin Saldanha and others were present.

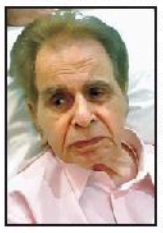
Inoculation for sportspersons

Bengaluru, June 11 (KMS& SSV)- The State Government has requested all sportspersons in the age group of 18 to 44 years to register their names at the offices of Youth Empowerment and Sports for free vaccination.

Minister for Youth Empowerment and Sports, K.C. Narayanagowda, launched the drive at Sree Kanteerava Stadium here yesterday. Vaccination was done for players of Basketball, Fencing, Swimming, Hockey, Tennikoit, Badminton, Rowing and Netball.

Today, Shooting, Handball, Football, Athletics, Table Tennis, Volleyball and Roller Skating players will receive the jab. Other sportspersons will be vaccinated in the coming days.

Dilip Kumar discharged from Mumbai Hospital



Mumbai, June 11 (UNI)- Veteran actor **Dilip Kumar**, who was admitted to Mumbai's Hinduja Hospital on June 6, has been discharged this noon. The actor was hospitalised after he complained of breathlessness.

Today (June 11), Faisal Farooqui, who handles Dilip Kumar's Twitter account, updated fans about Dilip Kumar's health and said that he is going home. Sharing the news of Dilip Kumar being discharged from the hospital, his family friend Faisal Farooqui wrote on Twitter, "With your love and affection, and your prayers, Dilip Saab is going home from the hospital. God's infinite mercy and kindness through Dr. Gokhale, Parkar, Dr. Arun Shah and the entire team at Hinduja Khar. — Faisal Farooqui."

On June 6, the official Twitter handle of Dilip Kumar shared the news of his hospitalisation. The tweet read, "Dilip Sahib has been admitted to non-COVID PD Hinduja Hospital Khar for routine tests and investigations. He's had episodes of breathlessness. A team of healthcare workers led by Dr. Nitin Gokhale is attending to him. Please keep Sahib in your prayers and please stay safe (sic)."

Born as Muhammad Yusuf Khan on Dec. 11, 1922, Dilip Kumar made his acting debut in 1944 film *Jwar Bhata*. It was the 1947 film *Jugnu* that catapulted the actor to the limelight. The actor's ancestral home in Pakistan is being converted into a museum by the government there.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	83.10	feet
Yesterday	:	83.64	feet
Inflow	:	803	cusecs
Outflow	:	3,776	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,264.17	feet
Inflow	:	343	cusecs
Outflow	:	700	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,823.31	feet
Inflow	:	172	cusecs
Outflow	:	80	cusecs

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2	0006948	Hirachand. C Jain	3537401-3637500	18606	100
3	0006948	Hirachand. C Jain	3537501-3637600	18607	100
4	0006948	Hirachand. C Jain	3537601-3637700	18608	100
5	0006948	Hirachand. C Jain	3537701-3637800	18609	100
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SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the residentially converted land bearing **survey no. 556/6, measuring 1 Acres 12 Guntas,** [ALN (3) CR 159/2007-08 dated 11-11-2008, order passed by the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District], situated at Varakodu Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District and bounded on : East by : Road leading to Varakodu, West by : Property bearing survey no.556/3, North by : Property bearing survey no.557/3, South by : Property bearing survey no.556/6.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY

1. All that piece and parcel of the property bearing no. 521/01, with Unique Identification no. 1522004 1064021147, measuring East to West 15.28 Meters and North to South (7.26 + 9.22) / 2 Meters, in total measuring 125.91 Square Meters, situated at Varakodu Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District, formed in Schedule 'A' Property and the above said site is bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Site no. 3, North by : Property bearing survey no.557/3, South by : Site no. 2.
2. All that piece and parcel of the property bearing no. 521/02, with Unique Identification no. 1522004 1064021176, measuring East to West 15.28 Meters and North to South 9.00 Meters, in total measuring 137.52 Square Meters, situated at Varakodu Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District formed in Schedule 'A' Property and the above said site is bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Site no. 3, North by : Site no. 1, South by : Road.
3. All that piece and parcel of the property bearing no. 521/03, with Unique Identification no. 1522004 1064021177, measuring East to West 15.00 Meters and North to South (20.00 + 18.22) / 2 Meters, in total measuring 286.65 Square Meters, situated at Varakodu Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District formed in Schedule 'A' Property and the above said site is bounded on : East by : Site no. 1 & 2, West by : Site no. 4, North by : Property bearing survey no.557/3, South by : Road.
4. All that piece and parcel of the property bearing no. 521/4, with Unique Identification no. 1522004 1064021179, measuring East to West (9.99 + 9.20) / 2 Meters and North to South 20.00 Meters, in total measuring 191.90 Square Meters, situated at Varakodu Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District formed in Schedule 'A' Property and the above said site is bounded on : East by : Site no. 3, West by : Property bearing survey no.556/5, North by : Property bearing survey no.557/3, South by : Road.

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SCHEDULE PROPERTY

1) All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land bearing survey no. 556/1, measuring 0-31 Guntas, situated at Varakodu Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District and bounded on : East by : Property bearing survey no.556/2, West by : Property bearing survey no.555 & 563, North by : Property bearing survey no.555, South by : Lake.
2) All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land bearing survey no. 556/2, measuring 0-25 Guntas, situated at Varakodu Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District and bounded on : East by : Property bearing survey no.556/3, West by : Property bearing survey no.556/1, North by : Property bearing survey no.555 & 557, South by : Lake.
3) All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land bearing survey no. 556/3, measuring 0-23 Guntas, situated at Varakodu Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District and bounded on : East by : Property bearing survey no.556/4, West by : Property bearing survey no.556/2, North by : Property bearing survey no.557, South by : Lake.
4) All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land bearing survey no. 556/4, measuring 0-28 Guntas, situated at Varakodu Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District and bounded on : East by : Property bearing survey no.556/5, West by : Property bearing survey no.556/3, North by : Property bearing survey no.557, South by : Lake.
5) All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land bearing survey no. 556/5, measuring 2 Acres 02 Guntas, situated at Varakodu Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District and bounded on : East by : Property bearing survey no.556/6, West by : Property bearing survey no.556/4, North by : Property bearing survey no.557, South by : Lake.
6) All that piece and parcel of the agricultural land bearing survey no. 557/3, measuring 0-08 Guntas, situated at Varakodu Village, Varuna Hobli, Mysuru Taluk, Mysuru District and bounded on : East by : Road, West by : Property bearing survey no.557/5, North by : Property bearing survey no.557/3, South by : Property bearing survey no.556.

The above referred Item No. 1 to 6 are together measuring **4 Acres 37 Guntas.**

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